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SUMMARY: BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO REACT TO
CAGLAYANGIL BAYRAM STATEMENTS. U.S. IS REPORTED TO HAVE
WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION OF EXPANDING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS TO
INCLUDE GREECE AND TURKEY. END SUMMARY.

1. DECEMBER 1 GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE TO REPORT
REACTIONS TO CAGLAYANGIL STATEMENTS ON CYPRUS. AN "OFFICIAL
SOURCE" OF THE GOC (PROBABLY PIO MILTIADES CHRISTODOULOU) WAS
QUOTED IN SEVERAL PAPERS SAYING THAT CAGLAYANGIL PROPOSAL FOR
WIDENING THE TALKS TO INCLUDE GREECE, TURKEY AND POSSIBLY UK
IS UNACCEPTABLE TO GOC. THE OFFICIAL SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT
GOC WILL SEEK "A WIDER MEASURE OF INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT
IN ANY GUARANTEE SCHEME" THAT WOULD EVOLVE FROM TALKS
OF THE TYPE PROPOSED BY CAGLAYANGIL. THE SOURCE ALSO
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SAID THAT CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT THAT LAND LEFT TO THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY MUST MAKE IT "STRATEGICALLY
POSSIBLE TO DEFEND THE REGION" INDICATES THAT TURKEY
CONTINUES TO STAND FOR PARTITION RATHER THAN REUNIFICATION.
THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID CAGLAYANGIL'S SUGGESTION THAT
EXPERTS MIGHT STUDY THE QUESTION IS OUT OF DATE AND NO
LONGER RELEVANT TO THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT CLANDESTINE TURKISH RADIO "VOICE OF CYPRUS" SAID THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT" HAS WELCOMED THE CAGLAYANGIL SUGGESTION FOR OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION OF GREECE AND TURKEY IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ONE PAPER, SOCIALIST "TA NEA", NOTES THAT THE GOC REJECTED THIS PROPOSAL TWO DAYS AGO.

3. "TFSC" SPOKESMAN IN DECEMBER 1 OFFICIAL "NEWS BULLETIN" CRITICIZED GREEK CYPRIOT ATTITUDE TOWARD CAGLAYANGIL'S PROPOSALS TO ENLARGE NEGOTIATING GROUP, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SUPPORT THEM DIRECTLY HIMSELF. COMMENTING ON THE SAME SUBJECT, TURKISH CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS REPORTED AS STRAIGHT NEWS THAT U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HAD WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS TO INCLUDE GREECE AND TURKDY.

4. "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH MADE THE FIRST POSITIVE PUBLIC REFERENCE TO CAGLAYANGIL'S SUGGESTIONS IN A NOVEMBER 30 STATEMENT IN WHICH HE SAID "THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS ARE THE BEST WAY TO PEACE. ATEMPTS TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE PROBLEM WILL DO NO GOOD BUT WILL HARM ALL PROSPECTS OF PEACE. IN THIS CONTEXT I FEEL THAT TURKEY AND GREECE CAN HAVE USEFUL INFLUENCE AND THAT THEY CAN PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN ACHIEVING UNCLASSIFIED

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FINAL PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES. I STILL FEEL THAT OTHER POWERS, WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVATION,SHOULD KEEP OUT OF OUR AFFAIRS."
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